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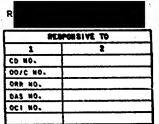
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- 2. 'If a female worter in nuigaria beauth gregoent she is given one month of on and the same of the same state of the same of the s medical leave prior to the birth of her child and two months accerding all that period she is paid full wages. In addition she receives 160 lever for her first child, 320 lever for the second and 480 lever for third. Both parents are exempted from the backelor's tax after their third child is born. After the third child the mother gets no bonus for further children. Bowever, a mother who has nine children receives a special mount for motherhood.
- 3. "During the first two months the new born baby remains with his with r. after two months the mother goes back to work, but the works only six instead of eight hours a day. Before going to work she takes the child to the day nursery. Each factory employing a fairly large number of momen must have a day nursery located close to the factory. The nursery is paid for by the factory, the parents paying a small token amount for dealy
- the factory flery I Mlot in Gabrovo such day nursery to located on cleral exercise Street, about 300 gards away from the factory. In the summer of 1950 a building was selected by a number of swithers as the most surjustle for a mursery. Within two days the house was evenuated of all occupents by a decree of Tenants' Court (Milsz'en ord), and the day numbers was organized.
- 5. If the baby gets sick the nursery notifies the mother and the factory scainintration. In practice such procedure is applied only when the baby is scriously ill. The mother is then given a the hours off, which she has to make up the next day. Should the time loss exceed 24 hours and the mother

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be unable to work overtime to make it up, her pay check is proportionally reduced.

- 6. This lests until the baby is one year old. Once he is a year old he is transferred to a Neekly Nursery, financed and kept by the olly government. Orking mothers must take their children to these nurseries. The child is delivered on Monday morning and picked up on Taturday at 6 s.m. Euring the week parents are not permitted to see their children. They can communicate with the nurses and bring for the child whotever they deem necessary.
- 7. This lasts until the child is five years old. The parents say for child's upkeep in accordance with prescribed rules, once the child is five it is sent to a kindergarten ('abavecznien'). There it is kept for an entire month outside its home. Exents are permitted only to take their child home once a month for 24 hours. In the meantime they have visitors' rights.
- Only after a child is neven is it permitted to return home and attend school from home.
- 9. I friend of mine had a small child in kindergorten in Gabrova. I used to visit them on holidays and saw the child at home. The child sang songation that the maintained that the big factories with smoking chimnego, where his mother and father worked, were given to the Bulgariana by Father talan and that they were our own. The child's father laughed. He said that factories belong to Uncle Chervenkov. But the child was stubborn and resulted that factories belong to the Bulgarian people and that Father talia himself of its co.

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